Strafford Conservation Commission Minutes April 2, 2012

Present: Liz Evans Carolyn Page Dave Perkins Scott A. Young

Kerry Omand Bruce Smith Irving Johnson

Guests: Charlie Moreno

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened at 7:08 pm. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Scott to accept the March 2012 **minutes.** Approved.

Liz said that the selectmen kept Al on the commission. We will continue to look for a candidate to take his place. Scott needs to reapply for his next term.

Guest Presentations

Charlie Moreno Charlie brought four bids for the bridge construction in the town forest. These were opened and read by the Commission. Three of the bids were well over our budget range. Charlie will contact the remaining company to be sure they priced the steel correctly and have them get back to us within three days. Liz and Charlie will meet before the Planning Board meeting on Thursday to discuss the final amount. Liz will inform the rest of us by email on Friday morning. If the company is still within our range, they will have the job. If they have mispriced the steel and are now beyond our range, we will reopen the bidding process. This company has experience working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who will be overseeing the construction. The Commission was pleased to hear that the bridge design has been revised (and the original engineers are no longer working with NRCS).

Other costs to look forward to on this project are another layer of gravel and wetlands permits. Charlie received the initial permitting paperwork from Deb Gourd. Phil Auger will finish it for us.

Phil Auger Phil sent his information in a letter to Harmony. He has set the dates for trail work as follows. The work needs to be finished by the end of June.

Wed. April 4th Wed. May 2nd
Sat. April 14th Sat. May 12th
Wed. April 18th Wed. May 16th
Sat. April 28th Sat. May 26th

George Lovejoy will be hiring David Foster to lay out the trail between Evans Mountain and trails on Parker Mountain. Phil will be working with them planning trails on our part of the Mountain.

DES Applications none

Old Business

Evans Mountain see George Lovejoy - trails

IRCR see Trail work dates

Town Forest see Charlie Moreno above

Cons Comm vote to eliminate our Executory Interest in Blue Hills port of Evans The town attorney asked us to vote to execute the release approved at town meeting.

MOTION: Carolyn moved that we vote to execute the release of the executory interest in the Blue Hills portion of Evans Mountain. Scott seconded. Apporved.

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Dates: Site walks none **Next Meeting** Monday, May 7, 2012 -7:00 pm. Town Hall

Calendar Article ideas Trail workers needed – with dates.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Enz Page